

MRS. MUNSON IN STATE OF PHYSICAL COLLAPSE

Coroner Satisfied She Poisoned Mrs. Wilson.

WILLIAMTIC, Conn., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Lillian Munson, who is in jail at Brooklyn in this State, charged with poisoning Mrs. Julia Wilson, the mother of her young friend, George Wilson, is reported today to be in a pitiable physical condition.

She has lain on the couch at the back of her cell ever since she was locked up, and has protested whenever food has been offered to her, begging the matron of the jail to bring her "something that would make her go to sleep so that she would never wake up."

The woman has also asked for a quart of camphor spirits. Apparently she has the habit of drinking this and, in the opinion of the county authorities, this may explain the disposition of the quantities of alcohol which Mrs. Munson was known to have bought of the drug stores all over the county. She said that she bought it and flavored it with peppermint extract for Mrs. Wilson to drink.

Coroner Bill today learned that on the day before Mrs. Wilson's death, a woman of the description of Lillian Munson, accompanied by a man who resembled George Wilson, went to a drug store and asked James Calnen, the clerk, for a large quantity of alcohol and an ounce of arsenic solution.

Calnen asked what the arsenic was to be used for. The woman said that it was to be given to an invalid in doses from two to ten grains. Although the doses seemed reasonable to the clerk, he refused to sell the poison.

The coroner is continuing his investigation among the drug stores of the county. He says that he is satisfied that the applicant for the poison was Mrs. Munson.

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SHOOT'S OFFICERS OF LAW AND IS KILLED BY PURSUERS

FARMINGTON, Iowa, Dec. 20.—In a fit of ungovernable temper, provoked by an attempt to arrest him, George Stilwell last night shot and mortally wounded City Marshal Robert Coulter, aged sixty-two, and Justice of the Peace A. E. Musgrove, aged sixty-five. After an exciting chase by a posse raised by Mayor B. F. Ketchum, in which Stilwell fired numerous shots without hitting anyone, he was shot to death.

MURDERESS' NOTE CUT OFF HOPE FOR PARDON

Evidence of Mrs. Kate Edwards' Guilt Influenced State Board.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 20.—The board of pardons was influenced in its action Friday in refusing to commute the death sentence of Mrs. Kate Edwards, the Berks county murderess, by a letter from Judge Ermentrout, who tried the case.

In his letter, which was made public yesterday, the judge says the Edwards woman wrote a note to Samuel Grevson, one of Edwards' murderers, asking him to come to her home, help make her husband drunk and throw him in the river, which was the way in which the old man was done away with.

Judge Ermentrout says it is for the board to say whether there shall be any difference in the punishment between the instigator and the one who joins the instigator in the perpetration of the crime.

"I do not think," he adds, "it proper to interfere in the matter one way or the other, believing that the board of pardons will conscientiously do what they believe to be their duty upon a careful deliberation of the case."

Counsel for the woman applied for a rehearing before the board, and the case will be heard at its January meeting.

CHANGES AUTHORIZED IN ENGINEER DEPARTMENT

The District Commissioners yesterday authorized the following changes in the engineer department:

That T. Lanham, Jr., skilled laborer in the Parking Commission at \$2 per day, be hereafter rated as clerk at the same compensation.

That the resignation of William T. Vanderslice, bridgekeeper at the Annapolis bridge, be accepted, and that B. T. Stull be appointed bridge keeper at \$30 per month to fill the vacancy.

LARCENY THE CHARGE.

The trial of John Watson, who is charged with having attacked and robbed Mrs. Josephine Taylor, near Fourteenth and C Streets northeast, will be held tomorrow. The police say he admits his guilt. Watson led the policemen a lively chase, and attempted to escape in a swamp across the Eastern Branch. When his photograph was taken for the rogues' gallery yesterday morning, he said he had been there before. The police say he spent one year in the Mountsville penitentiary for robbery.

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MAX WASMUND'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of Max Wasmund, who died suddenly Friday morning, will be held in New York tomorrow. The body was taken from this city last evening, and was accompanied to Baltimore by members of the order of Knights of Pythias, to which organization he was attached.

GREAT BRITAIN EASILY DUPED BY DIPLOMATS OF GERMAN EMPIRE

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supposed to be very sensitive and chary of committing herself because of the Monroe Doctrine.

Caught By Germany.

"Foreign statesmen who know how strong is the British diplomatic tradition in favor of having our hands free, cannot but be immensely struck by this seeing us tied hand and foot to Germany. It will seem to them a strong proof that Germany in external matters is running Great Britain, which is the effect which the Kaiser most desires to produce."

"The real and essential disadvantage of the alliance with Germany is it binds us to go on helping Germany to the end of the chapter, and to enforce claims against Venezuela the nature of which we appear to be entirely ignorant of. We have endorsed the German claims, but except in the vaguest way we have no knowledge of their nature."

"This is the most amazing point in the whole story. It was madness to enter upon such an alliance without the most distinct understanding as to the nature of all claims put forward. The strict and imperative character of the non-interference clause demanded equal strictness in the definition of the claims which were to be jointly enforced."

"As it is we are bound to go on supporting Germany in coercive action over claims which may be as unreasonable as they are vague."

WARRANT OF EXTRADITION FOR FRENCH FUGITIVE

A warrant for the extradition from this country to France of Louis Alfred Balensi has been issued by the State Department and forwarded by the French embassy to New York, where Balensi is held in custody. Balensi is wanted in Paris for the alleged embezzlement of \$6,000,000 francs.

He was arrested last June on the complaint of the French government at the Sing Sing prison, where he was serving a term. He had also been imprisoned in the Eastern New York Reformatory at Napanoch, Ulster county.

GEORGE STONE TURNED OVER TO OFFICIALS IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 20.—George Stone, arrested here several weeks ago on the nominal charge of having murdered a negro in Chicago in 1893, but who is believed to have committed several other murders in Texas, was turned over to American officials today on a writ of extradition and will be taken to the United States.

LOCAL MENTION.

Tree Toys. Open evenings. J. Jay Gould.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF PILGRIMS' LANDING

"Forefathers' Day Banquet" at First Congregational Church Tomorrow Evening.

The landing of the Pilgrims on the rock-bound coast of Massachusetts, 282 years ago, will be celebrated by the Washington Congregational Club with a "Forefathers' Day banquet" tomorrow night. The thirty-fifth annual meeting of the organization will also be celebrated at the same time.

An excellent program has been arranged by the committee in charge of the celebration, consisting of a reception, business session, and dinner. The reception will be held at 6 o'clock in the parlors of the First Congregational Church, 10th and G Streets northwest.

At 6:45 o'clock the business meeting will be convened, at which nominations and elections to membership in the club will be made, followed by reports of the outlook committee, and on the limit of membership.

The dinner will follow immediately after the business session, and will be served by the ladies of the church. Elaborate plans have been made for the feast, and it will be one, judging from

the menu announced, that will make the historic dinners of the stern Puritans pale into insignificance. Grace will be said by Prof. Isaac Clark, D. D.

Addresses appropriate to the occasion will be made at the conclusion of the banquet by Henry Litchfield West, Commissioner of the District; the Rev. Randolph H. McKim, rector of Epiphany Church; Mr. Justice H. B. Brown, of the Supreme Court of the United States, and the Rev. C. J. Ryder, secretary of the American Missionary Association of New York.

The subject of the Rev. Dr. McKim's address will be "The contribution of the Colony of Virginia to the Making of the Republic." That of the Rev. Dr. Ryder will be "The American Highlanders." The subjects of the other addresses have not been announced.

Music will be given at intervals in the course of the speaking by the Garish quartet, composed of D. G. Miller, first tenor; H. G. Simons, second tenor; John F. Blackmar, first bass, and J. Walter Humphrey, second bass. The officers and committees of the club are as follows: President, the Rev. John L. Ewell, D. D.; vice presidents, the Rev. E. N. Kirby, Prof. J. W. Chickering, Gen. Ellis Spear, Prof. George J. Cummings; secretary, G. A. L. Merrifield; treasurer, Alfred Wood.

Executive committee: The above named officers and A. L. Sturtevant, J. F. Johnson, and A. B. Chatfield.

Outlook committee: A. L. Sturtevant, the Rev. B. W. Pond, the Rev. H. P. Higley, D. D., William L. Marsh, and the Rev. B. N. Seymour.

Nominating committee: J. F. Johnson, William Lamborn, Elphozo Youngs, M. W. Baldwin, and J. H. Jennings.

Reception committee: A. B. Chatfield, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Caywood, Mrs. A. B. Chatfield, Mrs. G. A. Merrifield, and Mr. and Mrs. George Redway.

OFFICERS FOR A YEAR.

Porter Garrison, Army and Navy Union, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Commander, James Campbell; senior vice commander, J. C. Daley; junior vice commander, C. Holly; adjutant, C. P. Claggett; quartermaster and acting paymaster, William H. Coulter; chaplain, John Ash; officer of the day, James Stillwell; officer of the watch, H. E. Marks; officer of the guard, J. C. Daley; T. E. Lee, and W. H. Coulter.

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